



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6137**

LCO No. 4907

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS )

**AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF  
POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF  
DUTY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Notwithstanding any  
2       provision of the general statutes, or any municipal charter or special  
3       act affecting the noncontributory or contributory retirement systems of  
4       any municipality of the state, or any special act providing for a police  
5       benefit fund or other retirement system, the surviving spouse of any  
6       regular member of a paid municipal police department or a paid  
7       municipal fire department killed in the line of duty may receive, at the  
8       option of the municipality, such member's base salary up to the date  
9       on which such member would have been eligible to retire from service  
10      in the paid police department or paid municipal fire department,  
11      provided such salary shall be reduced by the amount of any worker's  
12      compensation benefits payable to such surviving spouse. On and after  
13      such date, the surviving spouse of such member may receive, at the  
14      option of the municipality, the retirement benefits such member would  
15      have been entitled to receive and as are provided for in the retirement  
16      system in which such member was a participant at the time of his or

17 her death. The payment of such benefits provided under this section  
18 shall be approved by the municipality by resolution of its legislative  
19 body.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Notwithstanding any  
21 provision of the general statutes or any special act, the surviving  
22 spouse of any state employee employed as a firefighter or police officer  
23 killed in the line of duty shall be eligible to receive such member's base  
24 salary at the maximum rate for the position held by such member until  
25 the date on which such member would have been eligible to retire  
26 from service, provided such salary shall be reduced by the amount of  
27 any workers' compensation benefits payable to such surviving spouse.  
28 On and after such date, the surviving spouse of such member shall be  
29 eligible to receive the benefits such member would have been entitled  
30 to receive and as are provided for in the retirement system in which  
31 such member was a participant at the time of his or her death.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide benefits for surviving spouses of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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